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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 26-May-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 05/26/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 05/19/01
BRO-FRY	163,250	157,484
LT HENS	1,660	1,655
HVY HENS	1,606	1,471

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEKS ENDING 19-MAY-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	509	0	509
LAST WEEK	574	0	574
SAME WK YR AGO	470	0	470
TO DATE 2001	10,119	143	10,262
TO DATE 2000	10,299	50	10,349

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,111	1,460	3,571
LAST WEEK	2,149	1,465	3,614
SAME WK YR AGO	2,343	1,584	3,927
TO DATE 2001	46,555	26,879	73,434
TO DATE 2000	50,946	27,581	78,527

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 19-MAY-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	160,375 (A)	1,602	1,460	3,062
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	8.04	5.61
LAST WEEK	157,969	1,575	1,465	3,040
SAME WEEK YR AGO	158,827	1,873	1,584	3,457
AVG WT	5.08	3.50	8.24	5.67
TO-DATE/2001	3,026,130	36,436	26,736	63,172
TO-DATE/2000	3,077,742	40,647	27,531	68,178

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.3 million head or 4.4 million head less than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING MAY 12,2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	36,171	22,826	50,244
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.75	6.11
% OF TOTAL /1	33%	21%	46%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	32,091	25,699	58,496
AVG WEIGHT	3.76	4.76	6.03
% OF TOTAL /1	28%	22%	50%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	34,657	35,593	42,926
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.84	6.08
% OF TOTAL /1	31%	31%	38%
TO DATE/2001	619,903	488,894	861,619
TO DATE/2000	629,216	607,738	775,881

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-MAY-01
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,067	2,689	50	0	4,806
AVG WT	16.31	33.56	23.68	0.00	26.04
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,049	2,704	39	4	4,796
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,837 (B)		8	55	3,900
AVG WT	26.39 (B)		26.50	25.45	26.38
TO-DATE/2001	92,003 (B)		775	271	93,049
TO-DATE/2000	91,478 (B)		325	768	92,571

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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